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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir,

This Response is being timely submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on November 6, 2002, along with a request for a three month extension of time and the appropriate fee. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response. Should any fee be due please charge Deposit Account Number 23-0455.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The Office Action rejects claims 26 – 41 under non-statutory double patenting. Applicants' submitted a Terminal Disclaimer which should obviate the rejections in the Office Action. The Office Action notes that priority is claimed to foreign application PCT/US00/02079, filed January 27, 2000. However, applicants' submit that no such priority was claimed and therefore no certified copy is required. Rather, this application is a continuation of 09/511,869, which issued as USPN 6,329,343, which claims benefit